

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 2, 15-19, 21, and 31 have been amended.

Claims 12-14 and 22 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 23-29 have been canceled.

Claims 1-11, 15-21, and 30-31 are now pending for the Examiner's consideration.

Amendments to the Claims:

Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 15-19, 21 and 31 to exclude the non-elected subject matter.

Claim 1 has been further amended by replacing the terms "entgegen" and "zusammen" with the notations "E" and "Z".

Claim 18 has been further amended to correct dependency by replacing "Claim 2" with "Claim 1."

No new matter is added by the way of these amendments.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have canceled Claims 23-29. Cancellation of Claims 23-29 does not constitute any admission regarding this subject matter. Applicants reserve a right to pursue this subject matter in this or other application(s).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to because of the informalities as set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended Claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner, and respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, the first paragraph

Claims 23-26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement for the reasons set forth on pages 3-13 of the Office Action..

Applicants respectfully disagree with this allegation and maintain that the originally-filed application provides the detailed teachings, for example at page 1, line 10 through page 2, line 2; page 19, lines 17-29; page 36, line 3 through page 44, line 2; and page 126, line 24 through page 134, line 31 to enable any person skilled in the art how to make and use the inventions of Claims 23-26 and 28.

However, solely in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have canceled Claims 23-26 and 28. Accordingly, this rejection is moot in regard to Claims 23-26 and 28.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, the second paragraph

Claims 23-28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, the second paragraph, for the reasons set forth on pages 13-15 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection and maintain that the originally-filed Claims 23-28 provide the definitive and distinctive description of the subject matter of the invention. The terms describing the invention of Claims 23-28 are further defined, in the originally-filed application, for example at page 1, line 10 through page 2, line 2; page 11, line 1 through page 12, line 21; page 19, lines 17-29; and page 126, line 24 through page 134, line 31.

However, solely in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have canceled Claims 23-28. Accordingly, this rejection is moot in regard to Claims 23-28.

Conclusion

Applicants believe all claims are now in condition for allowance. Should there be any issues that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in connection with this response. If any fees are due in connection with this response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 500329.

Respectfully submitted,

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